

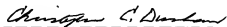
## R E M A R K S

This Preliminary Amendment supplies a cross-reference to the related application of which benefit is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78.

In addition, all the claims of the parent application (including those allowed therein) have been canceled from this divisional application and replaced with new claims 7 - 9. The thickness limitations (for the intermediate layer) in these claims are supported by the disclosure of the original specification in the paragraph bridging pp. 14 and 15. The feature recited in new claim 8 is supported by the disclosure of the original specification e.g. at p. 9, lines 7-9.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is courteously requested.

Respectfully,



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